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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL REMARKS

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRIEF QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
WITH SECRETARY AFTER ARRIVAL AT UNUKOVO AIRPORT, MOSCOW,
EVENING OCTOBER 23. (EARLY PORTION INAUDIBLE.)

QUOTE. K. (INAUDIBLE)...SOVIET UNION. WE EXPECT TO
HAVE VERY FULL, VERY FRIENDLY, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS.
THANK YOU.

(PAUSE; RESUMPTION OF QUESTIONING).

K. WELL, I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE AT BEING IN
MOSCOW AGAIN. WE EXPECT TO HAVE VERY FULL, VERY FRIENDLY, VERY
CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS AS A CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE WHICH HAS
GONE ON FOR MANY YEARS NOW, AND WHICH WE BELIEVE IS OF
BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES
AND TO ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD IN THE
INTERESTS OF PEACE. THANK YOU.

Q. (INAUDIBLE).

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K. EVER SINCE 1972 THERE HAVE BEEN REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ACROSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, SO WE WILL REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IN A FRIENDLY SPIRIT AND WITH THE ATTITUDE OF MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PEACE.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE PRESENT STATE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS?

K. I THINK THE PRESENT STATUS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS GOOD AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO IMPROVE IT STILL FURTHER.

Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q. WHAT KIND OF PROGRESS CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAREST FUTURE?

K. WELL, I'M HERE WITH THE ATTITUDE OF MAKING PROGRESS IN THESE TALKS. I'M ALSO DELIGHTED THAT MY WIFE IS WITH ME FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Q. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE.
KISSINGER

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